

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: MAY 1997
TAG REVIEW DATE: 4 NOVEMBER 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Roswell Precision Bombing Range No. 32

SITE NUMBER: K06NM052601

LOCATION:

City: N/A
County: Chaves
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM052601

CATEGORY: OE

ASR RAC: 3

INPR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 3

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

a. The former Roswell PBR No. 32 is located in Chaves County, New Mexico, approximately 30 miles northeast of Roswell. The site, consisting of 640 acres, is further located at the south one half of Section 21 and the north one half of Section

28, Township 8 South, Range 30 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian.

b. The one square mile tract consists of vegetated sand dunes. It is currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the target is situated among active oil fields.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. PBR No. 32 was one of thirty bombing or gunnery ranges belonging to Roswell Army Air Field during World War II. The 640 acre bombing range was used to train student bombardiers in day and night tactical bomber training. The bombardiers used M38-series practice bombs which contained 80 pounds of dry sand and a spotting charge.

b. The former target was centered on the site, adjacent to and east of a pipeline. The 1000 foot diameter cross-hair target consists of 5 foot high berms, 15 foot wide at the base, with additional berms placed perpendicular forming a swastika. The photos showed two concentric circles of 1000 and 2500 feet enclosing the target.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	640
Former Use:	Target Area and Safety/Buffer Zone
Present Use:	Active Oil Field and Livestock grazing
Probable End Use:	Same as above
Ordinance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Bomb, 100 lb., Practice, M38-series w/spotting charge and fragments from HE Bombs

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Roswell PBR No. 32 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in May 1997.

7. STRATEGY:

Entire Site: EE/CA, RAC 3

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group reviewed this ASR and concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA for the entire site since there was confirmed debris from M38-series, 100 pound practice bombs, fragments from HE bombs and craters greater

than 20 feet in diameter encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this FUDS. Since the site has not been broken down into separate areas, the entire site must be considered; however, the main focus of remediation should concentrate on the lands that surround the target rings.

b. Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of Chemical Warfare Materials ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.

c. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species or natural communities.

d. This site is currently located in the middle of the Cato Oil Field. A gas pipeline runs through the center of the target area.